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Maletsunyane Falls in Lesotho

Hammies Sprint

This is a fun activity to promote contacts between Hammies and radio amateurs in Southern African countries with an emphasis on ZU stations and takes place from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC on Sunday 10 June 2018 with phone activity between 7 063 to 7 100 and 7 130 to 7 200 kHz.

The exchange is RS report and provincial abbreviation, stations outside South Africa will give a RS report and DX.

Contacts with stations in the same ZS region are worth 1 point and contacts with stations in other ZS regions or DX stations are worth 2 points. Contacts with the Hammies ARC, ZS1ZU, ZS2ZU, ZS3ZU, ZS4ZU and ZS6ZU or any other Hammies ARC that may be registered at the time are worth 5 points. Contacts with any ZU station are worth 3 points and contacts between ZU stations are worth 5 points.

Logs, in ADIF, Cabrillo or MS Excel format and labelled "my call sign Hammies," shall be submitted by 17 June 2017 and sent by e-mail to chairman@zs6zu.org.za or zr6dx@iafrica.com. Certificates will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place and certificates will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place for ZU stations.

DXCC News

It has been reported that the recent 9M0W Spratly Island DXpedition has received DXCC approval. The 9M0W team has also received their LoTW certificate and will soon be uploading all QSOs that have been requested through ClubLog's OQRS and any direct requests.

DXCC'S Most Wanted (Club Log)

The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on Club Log as of 28 May. The list contains 340 entities. The complete DXCC Most Wanted entities list is available at <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php> and here are the top 10 entities:

June

- 4 – World Environmental Day
- 7 to 9 – Bonitas Comrades Expo
- 8 – World Oceans Day
- 8 to 10 – Taste the Helderberg, Somerset West
- 8 to 17 – Hermanus FynArts Festival
- 10 – **Hammies Sprint**; the Comrades Marathon
- 13 to 17 – Port St Johns Umngazi Pondo Pedal
- 15 – Eid-al-Fitr
- 15 to 17 – Napier Wine and Patatfees; Calitzdorp Port and Wine Festival
- 16 – Youth Day; **East Rand ARC Flea Market**; Franschhoek Winter Wines Festival
- 17 – Father's Day; **World QRP Day**; **closing date for Hammies log sheets**
- 21 – Winter Solstice
- 21 to 25 – **SARL Top Band QSO Party**
- 22 – all schools close; **closing date for the July Radio ZS articles**
- 22 to 24 – Morgan's Bay Footprint Festival
- 23 – **Cape Town ARC meeting**
- 24 – Blairgowrie Collectors Toy Fair at the Blairgowrie Recreation Centre, Randburg
- 27 to 30 – InniBos Kunstefees, Nelspruit
- 30 – World Asteroid Day; **end of the SARL Financial year**
- 28 June to 8 July – the National Arts Festival and Wordfest, Grahamstown
- 29 June to 1 July – Kirkwood Wildfees
- 29 June to 8 July – Knysna Oyster Festival

July

- 1 – Start of SARL Financial Year and Membership payment is due; **ZS5 Sprint**
- 2 – Closing date Top Band logs
- 7 – **SARL Newbie QSO Party**
- 9 – Closing date ZS5 Sprint logs
- 13 – *Friggatriskaidophobia*
- 14 – **IARU HF Championships and WRTC 2018**; **October RAE registration opens**; **Ra-DAR Challenge**; **West Rand ARC AGM**
- 15 – **IARU HF Championships and WRTC 2018**; The Battle of Delville Wood - 15 to 20 July 1916
- 16 – Closing date Newbie logs
- 17 – Provincial schools open
- 21 – **Winter QRP contest**; **Pretoria ARC Flea Market**
- 22 – **ZS2 Sprint**
- 25 – **Closing date for August Radio ZS**

1. P5 DPRK (North Korea)
2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island
3. FT5/W Crozet Island
4. BS7H Scarborough Reef
5. KH1 Baker Howland Islands
6. CE0X San Felix Islands
7. BV9P Pratas Island
8. KH7K Kure Island
9. KH3 Johnston Island
10. VK0M Macquarie Island

Club Log

Over a half a billion QSOs have now been uploaded to Club Log. The 500 000 000th QSO (between W4PG and ZL1BQD on 17 m FT8) was uploaded on 28 May. The raw data for analysing the modes of QSOs uploaded to Club Log are being made available by Michael, G7VJR on a regular basis, and Andreas, LA8AJA has prepared "a handy front-end to the data" which is available at <https://la8aja.com/modestats/index.php>.

African DX

Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award (www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp)

C8T Mozambique DXpedition Video. A video on the May 2018 C8T Mozambique DXpedition by the Lions DX Team is now available on YouTube.com. The video was made by Olivier, ON7EI, and is 11:26 minutes long. To view it, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPTPBXe5gBg



Liberia, EL. Col, MMONDX, plans to return to Liberia later this year (or early 2019) and will again be active as EL2EL. Full info will be forthcoming as plans develop.

Rwanda, 9X. 26 September to 10 October are the dates for the 9X0T DXpedition to Rwanda. Eight operators (I1HJT, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT, IK2RZP and JA3USA) will be active on 160 to 10 m CW and SSB with three stations; RTTY will be used on 20 m only. IK7JWY (for HF) and IK0FTA (for 6 metres) will be the pilot stations. QSL via I2YSB. Real-time log search and OQRS for direct cards at <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>.

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 4 to 11 June 2018

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, Data
 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 4 June
 Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: United Kingdom
 Mode: RTTY, PSK
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: RST and serial no
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: (see rules)
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 5 June 2018

Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/r80mcc.shtml

ARS Spartan Sprint
 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 5 June
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Skinny; Tubby
 Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power
Work stations: Once per band
Submit logs by: 7 June 2018
E-mail logs to: spartansprint@yahoo.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://arsgrp.blog-spot.com/2009/02/so-whats-spartan-sprint-and-how-do-i.html>

Phone Fray
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 6 June
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 8 June 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Con-test_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 6 June and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 7 June
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 9 June 2018
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.cwops.org/cwt.html

NRAU 10 m Activity Contest
17:00 - 18:00 UTC (CW) and 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (SSB) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (FM) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (Dig) 7 June
Geographic Focus: Nordic Europe
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB, FM, Digital
Bands: 10 m Only
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RS(T) and 6-character grid square
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 21 June 2018
Upload log at: http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.nrau.net/activity-contests/below-30mhz.html

SKCC Sprint Europe
19:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 June
Geographic Focus: Europe
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 14 June 2018
E-mail log summary to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/skse/submit-display.php?submit_id=165
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/skse/

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 01:45 UTC-02:15 UTC 8 June
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 10 June 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 8 June

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 10 June 2018

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

DRCG WW RTTY Contest

00:00 - 07:59 UTC and 16:00 - 23:59 UTC 9 June and

08:00 - 15:59 UTC 10 June

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All-Band; Single Op All-Band 6 Hrs;

Single Op All-Band Unlimited; Multi-Op

Exchange: RST and CQ Zone

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each VK, VE, JA and W call area once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 17 June 2018

E-mail logs to: drcgww@drcg.de

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.drcg.de/drcgww/drcg-ww-rtty-english.html

VK Shires Contest

06:00 UTC 9 June to 06:00 UTC 10 June

Geographic Focus: Australia

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: VK Single Op - rover or fixed; VK Multi-Two - rover or fixed; DX Single Op

Exchange: VK: RS(T) and Shire; non-VK: RS(T) and CQ Zone

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: VK: Each VK shire once per band per mode; VK: Each CQ zone once per band per mode; non-VK: Each VK shire once per band per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 1 July 2018

E-mail logs to: vkshires-logs@outlook.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.wia.org.au/members/con-tests/wavks/

Asia-Pacific SSB Sprint

11:00 - 13:00 UTC 9 June

Geographic Focus: Asia/Pacific

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op Single Radio

Max power: Asia Pacific: 150 watts; Non-Asia Pacific: maximum legal

Exchange: RS and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: Asia-Pacific: 1 point per QSO; Non-Asia-Pacific: 1 point per QSO with an Asia-Pacific station

Multipliers: Each prefix once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 16 June 2018

E-mail logs to: apsprint@jsfc.org

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt>

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

12:00 UTC 9 June to 24:00 UTC 10 June

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or NONE

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 17 June 2018

Post log summary at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

Portugal Day Contest

12:00 UTC 9 June to 12:00 UTC 10 June

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed
 Exchange: CT: RS(T) and District; non-CT: RS(T) and serial no
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: Each CT region and each DXCC country once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 1 September 2018
 E-mail logs to: rep-concursos@rep.pt
 Mail logs to: REP – Rede dos Emissores Portugueses, Manager de Concursos e Diplomas, Avenida Yasser Arafar nº 4 A, 2770-375 Amadora, Portugal
 Find rules at: www.rep.pt/portugal_day_contest/rules.html

GACW WWSA CW DX Contest
 15:00 UTC 9 June to 15:00 UTC 10 June
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and CQ Zone no
 QSO Points: 0 points per QSO with same country; 1 point per QSO with different country, same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; Non-SA stations: 5 points per QSO with South America
 Multipliers: Each CQ zone once per band; Each country once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 30 July 2018
 E-mail logs to: logs@wwsatest.org
 Mail logs to: GACW DX Contest, PO Box 9, B1875ZAA Wilde, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Find rules at: www.wwsatest.org/english

Cookie Crumble QRP Contest
 17:00 – 22:00 UTC 10 June
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: All
 Bands: All, except WARC
 Classes: Single Op
 Max power: 5 watts CW/Digital; 10 watts SSB
 Exchange: RS(T), state, province or country, cookie no and name
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 31 July 2018
 E-mail logs to: KB3VVE@gmail.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://w3atb.com/cookie-crumble/>

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint: 00:00 UTC-02:00 UTC 11 June
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op
 Exchange: Member: RS(T) and state, province or country and member no
 Non-member: RS(T) and state, province or country and Power
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member
 2 points per QSO with member
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 13 June 2018
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: <http://qrpcontest.com/4sqrp>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf

Schoolboy makes silicon chips at home

We normally think of silicon chip fabrication as being a cutting-edge practice, requiring huge investments and hundreds of people.

However, we learned recently of Sam Zeloof, a 17-year-old high school student in the USA, who is making his own chips in his garage. Using ingenuity and equipment purchased via eBay, including things like an electron microscope he bought for less than the cost of shipping, Sam can fabricate features down to about 2 microns, though he says contamination issues mean 10 microns is the practical limit for functioning devices - because, after all, he's working in a garage, not a clean room.

More details are on the IEEE Spectrum website at <https://spectrum.ieee.org/semiconductors/devices/the-high-school-student-whos-building-his-own-integrated-circuits.amp.html>

Next Week's Contests

NAQCC CW Sprint, 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 13 June
 Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 13 June
 CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 13 June and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 14 June
 RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW 19:00 – 20:30 UTC 13 June
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 15 June
 NCCC Sprint 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 15 June
 All Asian DX CW Contest, 00:00 UTC 16 June to 24:00 UTC 17 June
 SMIRK Contest, 00:00 UTC 16 June to 24:00 UTC 17 June
 Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest, 12:00 UTC 16 June to 11:59 UTC 17 June
 ARR BPSK63 Contest, 12:00 UTC 16 June to 12:00 UTC 17 June
 IARU Region 1, 50 MHz Contest 14:00 UTC 16 June to 14:00 UTC 17 June
 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, 14:00 - 17:00 UTC 16 June (144) and 17:00 - 18:00 UTC 16 June (432)
 Stew Perry Topband Challenge, 15:00 UTC 16 June to 15:00 UTC 17 June
 West Virginia QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 16 June to 02:00 UTC 17 June
 Feld Hell Sprint, 18:00 - 19:59 UTC 16 June
 ARRL Kids Day, 18:00 - 23:59 UTC 16 June
 WAB 50 MHz Phone, 09:00 - 15:00 UTC 17 June
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 18 June

2018 IARU HF World Championship Contest

The 2018 IARU HF World Championship Contest takes place the second full weekend of July, beginning at 12:00 UTC on Saturday 14 July and ending at 12:00 UTC on Sunday 15 July 2018. Both Single and Multi-operator stations may operate the entire 24-hour period. All licensed amateurs worldwide are eligible to participate in this contest.

The objective of this contest is to contact as many other amateurs as possible, especially IARU member society HQ stations, around the world using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre bands. Multipliers are the total number of ITU zones plus IARU Member Society HQ stations worked on each band (not mode). Thus, your Society's HQ stations participation is very important for the multipliers, e.g. ZS0HQ or ZS9HQ. IARU officials represent a maximum of four multipliers per band (AC, R1, R2 and R3).

You can find the complete rules at www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship

New WRTC Awards - WAWRTC

The World Radiosport Team Championship takes place from 12:00 UTC on 14 July to 12:00 UTC on 15 July in parallel to the IARU HF Championship. Sixty-three teams will be competing from identical sites south of Berlin. QSO partners can directly support the contestants with QSOs. To stimulate contacts with the WRTC stations, five awards have been created, which we will introduce here during the next weeks.

The Worked All WRTC Stations (WAWRTC) award honours QSOs with all sixty-three stations. To apply for the award, one QSO with each station, regardless of band and mode, is needed. For Europeans, 80 and 40 will likely be the best bands (+20 m depending on propagation conditions). For DX operators from outside Europe 40 and 20 m are probably the best bet. <http://www.wrtc2018.de/>



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